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ANNUAL REPORT

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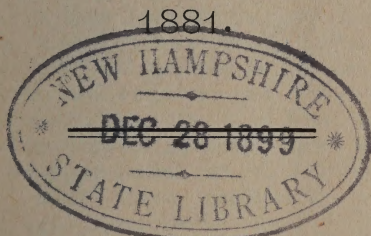
TOWN OF BROOKFIELD,

FROM

March 1st, 1881, to March 1st, 1882,

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE



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**REPORT**  
OF THE  
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
*for the town of Brookfield, N. H.*

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1. 1882.



**A** GAIN it becomes the duty of your Superintending School Committee to report the condition of the schools under their supervision during the past year.

This we do, not in the spirit of a mere performance of an assumed obligation but with the feeling that the welfare of our schools can be a matter of indifference to no one.

In an agricultural community like our own it is sometimes intimated that the interests of education cannot be well sustained, because there are not pecuniary resources sufficient to keep schools in constant operation, and the youth are early taught to labor. But never has it been found that agricultural pursuits had a tendency to injure the minds of youth.

In the progress of events we have agricultural schools and colleges, and like all other educational institutions the good they have wrought, and the investigations they have made cannot fail to be appreciated by all intelligent citizens.

Since most other communities in this progressive age have been steadily advancing in the work of education it is but natural to indulge the hope that our own may not have lagged behind in the cause.



In the selections of teachers prudential committees have been fortunate for the most part.

All districts have enjoyed the benefits of schools during the year while several have had but a single term, the summer and winter terms bring united and one has had three terms.

*District No 1.* One term. Length 16 1-5 weeks : number scholars 17, average 14. Teacher Mr. Charles Colman, wages per month including board \$25.

Mr. Colman is an experienced, capable and faithful teacher. He is perfectly at home in the school room, maintaining an interest in the minds of his pupils by his clear, easy and familiar methods. He possesses the very important qualifications of being able to adapt his instructions to the various capacities of his pupils making himself easily understood by the the youngest scholars as well as by those who are older. In this school Mr. Colman fully sustained his former reputation as a first class teacher.

*District No. 2.* Fall term. Length 7 weeks ; whole number scholars 13 ; average attendance 11 teacher Miss. Hortense Deland wages per month including board \$17. This school notwithstanding the shortness of the term made very good improvement ; no dull and monotonous routine of exercises was found in this school, but every department was characterized with life and interest. We could not perceive that any branch of learning suffered any neglect. The whole number of scholars that belong in this district are 2 the others come from an adjoining town.

*District No. 3.* Spring term. Length 8 weeks ; whole number scholars 26 · average attendance 24 ; number not absent or tardy 10 ; teacher Miss. Mary Etta W. Hill, wages per month including board \$20.

Summer term. Length 8 weeks whole number scholars 24 ; average attendance 23 ; number not absent one half day 10 teacher Miss. Mary Etta W. Hill, wages per month \$20. Miss Hill

commenced the winter term but was obliged to leave the school owing to poor health. At the examination at the close of the spring term a goodly number of parents and others were present. We were very much pleased at this manifestation of interest in the cause of education on the part of the citizens of the district, we wish that others would feel inclined in the same direction. Miss. Hill is a well qualified teacher and did all she could to promote the welfare of those entrusted to her care. The school is now in successful operation under the care of Stephen W. Clough everything considered we are of the opinion that a well qualified male teacher in winter, would best promote the interests of this districts.

*District No. 4.* Summer term. Length 6 weeks whole number scholars 21; average attendance 15; teacher Mrs. Lizzie Lang. At the close the teacher appeared to have control of the situation; and we think a fair degree of advancement was made in the various branches studied.

Winter term. Length of term 10 weeks; whole number scholars 25; average attendance 22; number not absent one half day 7; teacher Miss Cora M. Furber wages per month including board \$20. In Book-keeping 3. Physiology 2. Drawing 3. At the close of this term there was evidence of marked improvement. Some of the younger scholars manifested a familiarity with Geography and History that might put to shame many of maturer age. Various items of information not derived from books may be taught in every school, and the instructor who avails himself of the opportunities afforded to impart useful knowledge orally to his pupils is especially to be commended,

*District No. 7.* One term Length of term 11 weeks; the Register contains the names of 9 scholars, other facts in relation to this school we are unable to give, as the Register was not properly kept. Teacher Miss. Nettie Bragdon.

This was Miss. Bragdon's first attempt at teaching, the school appeared well at the close.

Whole No. scholars, in the schools during the year 87; average attendance 74. Whole amount appropriated for the support of schools \$437.37.

We find various kinds of text books on the same subject. This evil should be remedied at an early date, as we consider a uniformity in text-books, always necessary to the best results in schools. In conclusion the committee would remark that they have paid the usual number of visits to the schools, but they do not pretend that they have done all that a superintendent should do. To visit schools often, to watch the progress of affairs week after week, to instruct inexperienced teachers in their duties, to illustrate improved methods of instruction by taking charge of the classes in the presence of the teacher, these are duties which require not only a practical knowledge of the art; for the proper instruction of youth requires the highest powers of the most gifted mind, but also the expenditure of more time than has ever been expected of a committee. With the hope that we have discharged the important trust placed in our hands to the satisfaction of the friends of education we beg leave to submit the above report.

S. H. HUTCHINS

*Supt. S Committee.*

Brookfield, Feb. 27, 1882.



## Treasurer's Report.

DUDLEY C. COLMAN, *Town Treasurer, in account with the town of Brookfield, for the year ending March 1st, 1882.*

### APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1881

To pay	State tax	400 00
"	County tax	586 51
"	Town debt	300 00
"	Town expenses	600 00
"	Pauper bills	78 00
For	School purposes	350 00
"	Breaking roads 1880	511 77
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		\$2826 28

### STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid	State tax	400 00
"	County tax	586 51
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		\$986 51

### PAID THE SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS

T. L. Churchill	No 1	111 74
M. A. Cate	" 2	24 79
John F. Hackett	" 3	176 61
Isaiah W. Plummer	4	75 96
Samuel Langley	" 5	6 31
A. J. Milliken	" 6	8 53
Edwin L. Brown	" 7	41 23
Charles H. Willey	" 8	2 58
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		\$447 75

## PAID HIGHWAY BILLS

T. L. Churchill repairing bridges	100 69
James H. Willey	9 25
Stephen H. Hutchins	1 78
Frank Hutchins	1 50
James H. Tibbetts	2 00
Daniel D. Tibbetts	2 38
Luther M. Sanborn	4 75
John H. Furgerson	1 20
William T. Baker	2 50
Ezekiel Prescott	75
J. Neal Cate	4 50
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	\$131 30

## PAID ON NOTES AND. INTEREST

Ellinor H. Whitehouse in full	105 87
Frank Hutchins	71 00
Betsy L. Hutchins	56 80
Abbie G. Hutchins	2 40
Susao A. Hutchins	31 15
John T. Garland	108 80
Peter Cook	136 00
Albert O. Robinson	112 23
Thomas T. Deland	68 00
Dudley C. Colman	136 00
Ezekiel Prescott	42 00
Charles E. Clark	28 90
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	\$899 15

## PAID TOWN OFFICERS

Charles Churchill	Selectman	21 50
Edgar M. Cate	"	26 50
John F. Robinson	"	28 86
Dudley C. Colman	Town Treasurer	20 00
Frank A. Hanson	Town Clerk	15 00
Stephen H. Hutchins	Supt S Committee	10 00
John E. Witham	Supervisor	4 00

J. Neal Cate	"	4 00
Ezekiel Prescott	Auditor	2 00
George A. Wiggin	"	2 00
T. L. Churchill	Collector 1880	27 75
"	" " 1881	40 00

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\$201 61

### PAID MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

J. T. Garland	S. H tax District No 3	15 00
F. W. Prindall	printing town accounts	12 00
Samuel W. Roberts	Report of births	1 00
Thomas Goodhue	Bounties	1 40
Frank Hutchins	"	60
Edgar M. Cate	"	40
John F. Robinson	"	40
Luther M. Sanborn	Watering Place	3 00
Hannah Buzzell	"	3 00
John F. Hackett	Bounties	90
Sarah A. Hanson	bill for board	9 00
J. Neal Cate	Loss of sheep	4 00
John F. Robinson	"	5 00

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\$55 70

### PAID PAUPER BILLS

Reuhama Smith	Board of Mary Shortridge	48 21
Ann S. Weeks	board of Amanda Wentworth	28 07
Nathan C. Weeks	board of Amanda Wentworth	24 00
Frank Orcutt	For box and coffin I. F. Somes	2 25
Dr. S. W. Roberts	For Medical services Hannah West	4 90

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\$106 53

### PAID FOR BREAKING ROADS FOR YEAR 1881

No. 1	Ezekiel Prescott	Surveyor	54 93
" 2	James H. Willey	"	35 39



"	3	George F. Edgerley	"	23	07
"	4	Edwin L. Brown	"	5	85
"	5	James D. Hutchins	"	25	47
"	6	John F. Wiggin	"	30	46
"	7	Sylvester Shortridge	"	44	40
"	9	Garland Allen	"	48	01
"	10	Isaiah W. Palmer	"	38	89
"	11	Daniel D. Tibbetts	"	39	28
"	12	Charles E. Clark	"	28	69
"	13	John F. Robinson	"	26	98
"	14	Joseph S. Wentworth	"	30	00
"	16	Richard Yeaton	"	14	50
"	17	Harry Lang	"	26	53
"	18	John F. Hackett	"	1	00
"	19	Asa H. Witham	"	21	18
"	20	John T. Garland	"	17	14
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				\$511 77	

## PAID ABATEMENT

T. L. Churchill List for 1879	1	00
" " " 1880	14	11
" " " 1881	20	51
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		\$35 62

## RECAPITULATION

WHOLE AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR YEAR 1881 TO MAR. 1, 1882

From Dudley C. Colman Treasurer		
for year 1880	197	97
" State Savings Tax	121	20
" State Literary Fund	21	50
" County Pauper bill I. F. Somes	28	75
" State Bounties	2	80
" Charles E. Wiggin Pauper bill	4	00
" Joseph T. Churchill Note balance	50	00
" T. L. Churchill Collector for 1879	45	35
" " " " 1880	300	00
" " " " 1881	2685	35
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		\$3 456 92

WHOLE AMOUNT PAID OUT FROM MAR. 1st, 1881,  
TO MAR 1st, 1882.

Solon A. Carter State Tax	400 00
Charles W. Fall County Tax	586 51
Several School Districts	447 75
Highway bills	131 30
Breaking roads in 1881	511 77
Pauper bills	106 53
Notes on interest	899 15
Town Officers	201 61
Miscellaneous bills	55 70
Abatements	35 62

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3375 94

CASH IN HANDS OF TREASURER

80 98

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\$3456 92

*Brookfield, Feb. 28, 1882.*

WE hereby certify that we have carefully examined the foregoing accounts and have found them correctly cast and regularly vouched for.

EZEKIEL PRESCOTT, }  
GEORGE A. WIGGIN. } *Auditors*







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